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district. That's in my district and I think that Dodge County is probably one of the best kept secrets in this state. Dodge County has a fine college which is located in the city of Fremont. Dodge County has probably some of the finest restaurants in the state. Dodge County has some fine churches, great churches. We have probably some of the best recreation anywhere in the state of Nebraska with the Fremont lakes, and the Platte River, that has a lot of airboats on it that Senator Byars is always complaining about or one of his old classmates are anyway. But what this would do, this amendment would use...the money would be used for the E. Thome Johnson Lake Multi-Government Development Project. For a little history on Mr. Johnson, Senator Johnson, he was a state senator from Fremont from 1968 to 1977. I knew Senator Johnson quite well; good friend of my wife's family; did a good job down here. Did a good job representing the 15th Legislative District, if it was called that then. I'm...I'm...there's been a couple of changes made since his tenure here. But, anyway, what this project would do, it...it would be a combined effort between the Fremont Public School, the city of Fremont and the Metropolitan Community College, and even a convention center for Dodge County. We need one pretty bad, a convention center. Seems to me that we've used this money somewhere else in a convention center. Huh, strange, we may have to turn that right around again. Also this project would be the site of a new water park for the city. It would also hold a new satellite for the Metropolitan Community College. There would be a new middle school built and eventually a new elementary school in this project. In addition to that, we're looking at more recreation to probably enhance and go along with the convention center we would have to expand the current size of Johnson Lake for recreational opportunities for the people that are...would be staying in the convention center. But I would be willing, you know, and this is...this is definitely a special legislation for my district. Senator Wickersham, I believe that it is. Yes, it is. But I would be willing, instead of 15 years, I would be willing to allow us to just...my district just to have this money for 5 years and then pass it on to another first class city and let them...let them witness what...what these dollars can do for them. I don't...I'm not taking this amendment lightly. I think it's a good project. It's very, very